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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Junichi AKIYAMA, et al.

: EXAMINER: PSITOS, Aristotelis M.

SERIAL NO: 09/772,894

FILED: January 31, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 2653

FOR: THERMALLY-ASSISTED MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD, METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND THERMALLY-ASSISTED MAGNETIC  
RECORDING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel Claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the  
following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are presently active; Claims 17-19 having been withdrawn from  
consideration by the Examiner; and Claim 9 having been cancelled by the present  
amendment.